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ALLARD ANNOUNCES \$1.9 MILLION IN EMERGENCY ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR COLORADO MONEY WILL ASSIST LOW INCOME FAMILIES

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Ranking Member of the Senate Housing and Transportation Subcommittee, today was informed that President Bush will direct the U.S. Health and Human Services Department(HHS) to release \$1,966,587 in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program(LIHEAP) emergency funds to Colorado.

“Colorado has been affected by extremely dry and hot weather this year leading to drought situations across the State,” said Allard. “For many people the cost of air conditioning, swamp coolers or fans is too much. The severe heat often put the elderly, people with disabilities and children at risk for heat exposure.”

Colorado was awarded the \$1.9 million based on the severity of heat waves it has experienced this summer. The State of Colorado will distribute the federal funds based on need.

This year’s budget includes \$1.7 billion for LIHEAP block grants and emergency contingency funds. The District of Columbia and 33 states, including Colorado, were eligible for \$100 million in emergency funds this summer.

Each year LIHEAP helps more than four million low-income households with energy costs related to severe heat or cold weather conditions.

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